

Notice.—Hereafter local editorial business notices will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line in every edition of the Mercury.

Centre Wellington.

THE DEPUTATION IN TORONTO.

Speaks to the Guelph Mercury. TORONTO, Dec. 16. The Deputation from Centre Wellington waited on Hon. Mr. Brown to-day in Toronto, and after they had tendered him the nomination, he replied that he would take the matter into consideration, and give his decision in a few days.

GOLD MINING IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Gold mining has now become established as a leading branch of industry in Nova Scotia, the value of the precious metal obtained amounting to upwards of half a million of dollars annually. Owing to the fact that the gold is obtained almost altogether by patient mining in veins of solid quartz, its discovery has not been attended by any marked excitement, as was the case in California and Australia, where it was at first washed from alluvial deposits—some miners making large fortunes, while more were disappointed. The official statistics show that a larger proportion of gold, both per man employed and per ton of quartz crushed, is obtained in Nova Scotia, than in any other gold-producing country in the world. These circumstances, together with the cheapness of machinery, labour, provisions and fuel, and the extraordinary purity of the metal itself, render gold mining in Nova Scotia extremely profitable. It is, in fact, essentially a manufacturing business. The raw material (quartz) is unlimited in quantity, and hence, the industry is capable of an indefinite expansion, the only requisites being capital and enterprise, to turn it to valuable account.

The following description of the mill of the Wentworth Gold Mining Company, taken from the Nova Scotian editorial correspondence of the Hamilton Spectator, will give our readers an idea of the process by which the gold is extracted from the quartz:

"The mill has three batteries of five stamps each. Each stamp is much like a pestle, the head being about the size of an English cheese, and worked by two cams, which give a half revolution to the stamp as it is raised for each blow. The weight of the blow is 540 pounds. The stamps are confined in a box, in front of which is a screen, through which the pounded quartz and water are dashed on to a series of tables covered with copper; the first is 24 x 48, and stationary; there are two others, 30 x 42 inches, which are kept constantly in motion like the screens of a fanning-mill.—Above the stamps there runs a pipe which furnishes a constant supply of water. The quartz is broken to the size of road metal by hammers before being filled into the stamps, and when crushed, comes on to the plates in the consistency of water-gruel. These copper plates are prepared with quick silver and cyanide of potassium, for which the gold has such an affinity that it clings to them as it runs over, and forms a coating on the plates.—About once in two weeks this coating is scraped off and the quicksilver re-ported, leaving the gold ready for smelting. This mill was built by B. C. Wilson, of Halifax, and has every appearance of giving satisfaction to the Company. There is also a very substantial wharf on which coal is landed. As to the probable profits from these operations, perhaps the best criterion will be the returns made during the months of July, August and September, which were taken from the official returns at the mining office at Halifax. The gross yield for the three months from the Sherbrooke district, has been 2,264 oz. 15dw. 3grs., the yield of 2,920 tons, or an average of over 15 dw. equal in value to \$15 to the ton. A mill such as the Wentworth will crush 15 tons per day. The cost of raising and crushing the quartz will average about \$7 per ton. Taking twenty working days to the month, this would show to be divided among the stockholders \$2,400 per month, or say 25 per cent per annum. These figures may not be realized, but very much better has been done by companies in the same district, and on properties apparently not more favourably situated."

The Wentworth Company above referred to, has its head-quarters in Hamilton. Geo. D. Fergusson, Esq., of Fergus is the President, and F. M. Wilson, Esq., of Hamilton, Secretary and Treasurer. Among the Directors are Robert Milroy, Esq., of the Ontario Bank, Hamilton; Robert Christie, Esq., M. P. P., Beverly; Hon. James Patton, Q. C., Kingston; B. B. Osler, Esq., Dundas, and David Wright Esq., Hamilton.

The property of the Company is situated in the Sherbrooke Gold District (the largest one in the province), and is reported on all sides to be one of the best mines in Nova Scotia.

There is a mania among reporters just now for seeing, as prisoners, the inside of goals. The Globe man has done the Toronto goal, the Spectator man the Hamilton institution. They are both martyrs, only that their martyrdom was somewhat premature. "Bide a wee," gentlemen; go slow; don't put yourselves in the way of having your "dud leens" and things taken from you before the time; you'll all get a chance. Brampton claims to be the "little porkopolis" of Ontario. One firm alone in that place has invested over \$10,000 in dressed pork, and they ask for more.

ORDINATION AT ROCKWOOD.—The Presbytery of Guelph met at Rockwood yesterday (Wednesday), for the ordination and induction of Rev. Edward Reeve, as Minister of the Canada Presbyterian congregation of Rockwood and Eden. The Rev. James Bowie, of Everton, presided, and after sermon put the usual questions of the formula, offered up the ordination prayer, and addressed the young minister on his duties. Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Acton, followed by addressing the congregation on their duties. The services were of an exceedingly interesting and impressive nature, and the congregation met for the first time in their neat and handsome church, which is to be formally opened on Sabbath first. Mr. Reeve has been most cordially welcomed by his people, and as a token of good we may state that in the evening the treasurers of the congregation waited on him and paid a quarter's salary in advance.

BIRTHS. SHAIN—At Guelph, on the 13th inst., the wife of Mr. R. Shain, of a son.

DIED. MARTIN—In Puslinch, on the 19th inst., Wm. Martin, in the 63rd year of his age. The deceased emigrated to this country from Wurtemberg, Germany, in the year 1852 and lived to see his family comfortably situated. RYAN—Georgetown, on the 26th ult., Mrs. John Ryan, aged 35 years.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Dec. 17th, 1868. F. W. Fleming, Hamilton; Wm. McIntosh, Montreal; C. S. Horser, Strathroy; Thos. Hatt, Dundas; Chas. Suter, Dundas; W. Mourat, Hamilton; Frank Forrester, London, Eng.; John Hope, Montreal; Angus Morrison, Toronto; J.P. Smith, Brockville; S. Hart, Toronto; John Kerby, Mt. Forest; Joseph Dean, Normanby; John A. Vert, Hamilton; George Horsey, Kingston; S. Sutherland, Brantford; Mrs. Sutherland, Brantford; David Brenton, Sheffield; Hargreaves, Hamilton; Miss E. Smith, Toronto; Dr. Henderson, Arthur; Mrs. Henderson, Arthur; C. Joslin, Buffalo; C. Norris, Toronto; S. Waske, Hamilton; Jno. McKowen, Forest; S. Frost, Toronto.

SKATES. Skates, skate straps, skate gimlets, skate screws, a large variety of skates suitable for ladies and gentlemen, quite cheap, at JOHN HORSMAY'S, Hardware Merchant, Guelph.

New Advertisements. MONEY TO LEND. The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest. LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868. dtwf

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The subscriber begs to intimate to the public that he will remain one month longer in Guelph, for the purpose of selling his farm and leasing his hotel. If the farm is not sold by the end of that time it will be let on shares. JAMES ONEIL, Guelph, Dec. 11. daw 1m

SPEED LODGE, No. 180. An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd, at half-past 7 o'clock. JOHN CHIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, Dec. 17. dt

AUCTIONS SALE OF BOOKS, TO-NIGHT, At M. Shewan's Old Stand, Wyndham street, Guelph. J. B. THORNTON, Manager of Sale. Guelph Dec. 8, 1868. dtwf

SALT SALT Wholesale and Retail at A. H. R. KENNEDY'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE, UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH Guelph, July 24. dtw-tf

R. J. JEANNERET, rom england. Established in London, Oct. 1842 and in Guelph 1863. WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER DAYS' BLOCK, Opposite the Marke Guelph. Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery. Guelph, December 17th. dw

MUNICIPAL ELECTION To the Electors of the North Ward: GENTLEMEN, At the request of a number of Ratepayers I have consented to become a candidate for the office of Councillor in place of Mr. James Mays, who retires. Should it please you to elect me I shall endeavour, to the best of my ability, to further the interest, not only of the North Ward, but the Town generally. I am, Gentlemen, Yours, &c., &c., JOHN A. WOOD, Guelph, Dec. 15. dtw 1

Lately with Messrs. James Masie & Co., and formerly with W. J. Brown & Co., has opened out a large stock of Groceries, Wines and Liquors DINNER and TEA SETTS, GLASSWARE, &c. Call and judge for yourselves as to quality and price, at the Store. Next Door to THE ALMA BLOCK, Guelph.

LANGDON FOR WINES and LIQUORS. LANGDON For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco. LANGDON FOR TEA. For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY. LANGDON FOR SUGARS. For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE JUST RECEIVED, 500 Bbls. S.A.T. 100 Bbls. and 100 Bbls. Lake Huron FISH: 50 bbls. Lab.-for HEHRING. Guelph, 15th December. daw

Primitive Methodist MISSIONS. THE annual Missionary Meeting in connection with the above missions will be held (P. V.) on the evening of TUESDAY the 22nd of DECEMBER in the Primitive Methodist Church, Paisley-st., Guelph. Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock. Address will be delivered by Rev. T. CROMPTON, of Hamilton, Rev. M. H. MATHEWS of Peel, and others. The public are cordially invited. A collection will be taken up at the close to aid the mission fund. G. WOOD, Pastor. Guelph, 16th December. dtw 1

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE OF DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c., in the Village of Acton. Public notice is hereby given that on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 12 o'clock noon, I will offer for sale by public auction, on the premises, in the village of Acton, in one lot, at so much in &c., the stock in Trade of the late firm of GEO. LESLIE & CO., of the said village of Acton, Insolvent, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery, which, with certain Household Furniture and Book Debts, are valued at \$2,900. The Store is large and convenient, with a Dwelling House above, and a large garden in the rear. The rent, which is paid up to March next, is only \$120 per annum. The Stock and Stock Book may be viewed on the premises up to the day of sale, by application to Malmo or Donald Kennedy, residents of the village, and a copy of the Stock Book may also be seen at the office of the undersigned. THOMAS CLARKSON, Official Assignee. 82 Front Street, Toronto. dtl-w2

To the Electors and Ratepayers OF THE TOWN OF GUELPH. After a number of years' services in your council, as well as in the Board of School Trustees, I have resolved, at the desire of many partial friends, to become a candidate for the Mayoralty for the ensuing year. If the length of the term which I have spent in behalf of the interests of our good town can be a recommendation to your favor, I respectfully urge this claim. After nearly ten years' municipal life, I shall have no wish to deny me sincerity and fearlessness of purpose in the discharge of public duties, whilst I have ever sought to promote the welfare of the town in every possible way that lay in my power. As there are many important and new questions affecting the public welfare likely to arise during the coming year, I have determined personally to interchange views with you during the short time left before the election. Amongst the most prominent of the questions, as you are aware, are the following, and which deserve the most anxious consideration: 1. The indebtedness of the town on account of the Municipal Loan Fund. 2. The question of Railway Extension northward. 3. The Union Station. 4. The change in the Municipal and Assessment Law. 5. The new School Law and Central School question. 6. Town Hall enlargement. 7. Increased economy in the expenditure on our roads and sidewalks, and the introduction of a thorough system by which they will be gradually made permanently good. It is not possible for me in the scope of a brief address like this, to discuss these important matters, but I shall have ample opportunity hereafter to do so. I may briefly here observe that I consider no step should be taken involving the expenditure of any large sum of money with reference to any of these questions without the opinion of the ratepayers being first duly obtained. Our present liabilities are heavy, taxation sufficient, and our future, in a measure, fraught with perplexity. Still, I think, with prudence and judgment, the town of Guelph is bound to flourish, and increase in general prosperity. I respectfully solicit your kind support and influence. I am your obedient servant, GEORGE S. HEROD. Guelph, 16th December 1868. dtwf

F. M. WILSON, Banking, Exchange & Passage OFFICE, No. 5, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON. American Money and Silver Drafts on New York and Sterling Exchange Bought and Sold. Agent for the INMAN LINE of Steamships to and from Liverpool, London and Cork. Anchor Line of Steamships to Glasgow, London, and other parts of Ireland, also to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiania, Havre, &c., via Leith. Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mail Line Steamship Company to California. Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

SOUTH WELLINGTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY THE Annual Meeting of the above Society will take place at the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Guelph, on Saturday, 16th January, 1869, AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M. NOTICE. In accordance with the provisions of the new Agricultural Act, it will be necessary for all who wish to vote at the Annual Meeting to pay their subscriptions for the ensuing year, prior to the 1st of January, 1869. GEORGE MURTON, Sec'y. Guelph, Dec. 15. dt wt 4 S. W. A. S.

BOARDING. BOARDING. A few respectable boarders can be accommodated with comfortable boarding on reasonable terms. Apply to MRS. BLOOMFIELD, in rear of Baker Wright's. Guelph, December 7. dtw

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE A good factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph. Guelph, 19th Dec. dtw

Executors' Notice. ALL parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. Thomas S. Parker, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment; and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned. GEORGE ELLIOTT, NATHANIEL HIGGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors. Guelph, Nov. 6. dtwf

For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to JOHN R. PORTE'S JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE, Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street. The following choice articles will be found in Stock: Ladies' Companions Ladies' Work Boxes Ladies' & Gents' Writing Desks Chessmen, Chess, Draught and Cribbage Boards, Inkstands, Book Slides, Vases, Parian Figures, &c. WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELLERY Of every description, and at all prices, to suit purchasers. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING THE HOLIDAYS. Guelph, 17th December. dw JOHN R. PORTE.

Sale of Cloths and Clothing! A. THOMSON & CO. WOULD intimate that as their Mr. Thomson is retiring from business, the whole of their stock must be sold and the business wound up. To facilitate this, they have determined to Commence a Clearing Sale on Monday 21st Dec., Cloths and Clothing, Shirts, Drawers, Hats, Caps, &c. AT COST AND UNDER. As this is a rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at auction prices, they would recommend all to take advantage of the great bargains which shall be given. They will positively be no credit given during this sale. All indebted to the firm are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts at once. Guelph, 17th December 1868. dw A. THOMSON & CO.

"GRECIAN BEND." A. O. BUCHAM. Stock of New Hoop Skirts, JUST OPENED, Including the Newest and most becoming Styles, as well as a LIMITED SUPPLY of the GRECIAN BEND. The prices at which we are offering this lot of Skirts, puts the VERY BEST GOODS WITHIN THE REACH OF EVERY PERSON. SUPERIOR SKIRTS, made of first-class steel, from 37 1/2 cents up. OUR BEST SKIRT, thirty-eight springs, three-inch tape, double fasteners, ONLY \$1. Wyndham St., Guelph, December 15. dtw A. O. BUCHAM.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS FRUIT At WALKER'S, this year's Crop, 1868. CROWN LAYER RAISINS, LONDON LAYER RAISINS, WEST END LAYER RAISINS, SULTANA RAISINS, VALENTIA RAISINS, SEEDLESS RAISINS, CURRANTS, new and large; Turkey Figs in layers, very large; Dates, German and French Prunes. HUGH WALKER. SPECIAL NOTICE.—Electors of the North, East, South and West, take notice that Hugh Walker is now receiving daily thousands of those celebrated Oysters from J. Ludington & Co., Bal Harbour. Extra quality for the Holidays. \$2 Sold by the Can, Keg, Pint, Quart, Gallon, or by the Hundred. Wholesale to the trade at city prices. HUGH WALKER & CO., Sole Agent for Ludington & Co., Baltimore. Guelph, Dec. 12. dw Fruit Depot, Wyndham Street, Guelph

EVENING DRESSES HEFFERNAN BROS. ARE now opening out a choice assortment of NEW AND FASHIONABLE Materials for BALL AND EVENING DRESSES. Irish Poplins Colored Crapes Colored Tulles Fancy Alpacas. Muslins, Taristans, &c. ALEXANDER AND OTHER WHITE KIDS—Cheap. A beautiful variety of SILK and VELVET RIBBONS for SASHES Artificial Wreaths, Head-Dresses, &c. HONITUN, CLUNY, AND VALENCIENNES LACE SETS, COIFFURES, HANKERCHIEFS, &c. OPERA CLOAKS—New, Fashionable and Cheap. HEFFERNAN BROTHERS. Britannia House, Wyndham-St., Guelph. dtw

DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market, will be found BOOKS entertaining and useful, BOOKS amusing and instructive, BOOKS of Travel and Adventure, BOOKS suited to every condition, BOOKS welcomed in every Family, BOOKS of History and Biography, BOOKS elegantly printed and bound, BOOKS good, new and cheap, BOOKS for Christmas and New Year's, BOOKS your certain fortune. At extremely low prices for CASH ONLY, at DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, Dec. 11. dtw

THE Equitable Life Assurance Society OF THE UNITED STATES Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York. W. O. BUCHANAN, 81 Great St. James-St., Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada. COLIN SEWELL, M. D., Examining Physician, Dr. R. L. MACDONNELL, Consulting GEORGE MACRELL, Solicitor, BANK OF MONTREAL, Bankers.

The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year, the large accumulation of its Seven Millions of Dollars, already invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for a feigned congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policy-holder, and an assurance to the public that it has been carefully and successfully managed. The rank of the Equitable among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1860 it was the sixth; in 1861 the eighth; in 1862 and 1863 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second. Insurances effected on the most favorable terms by GEO. MURTON, Agent for Guelph. Guelph, December 4th. dtf

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